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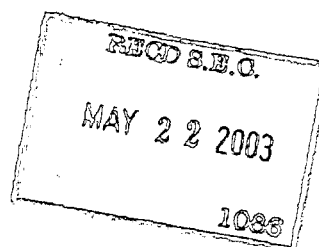
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, AmerUs Group Co., Income PRIDES and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on May 22, 2003. Tentative listing date – May 23, 2003.

Sincerely,

Antoni Aliberti